

REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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| Application No. | 09/834,364 |
| Filing Date | April 12, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Tadamasa Kitsukawa |
| Art Unit | 2623 |
| Examiner Name | Tran, Hai V |
| Attorney Docket Number | 80398P159C |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

- 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

- b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. Other: (\$0.00)

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- b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed

- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Sheryl Sue Holloway | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 37,850 |
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| Signature | Date | June 23, 2006 |
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.14. | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | (\$) | 790.00 |

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

- Check Credit card Money Order None Other (please identify): _____
- Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 02-2666 Deposit Account Name: Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
- Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) Credit any overpayments
- under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 1.20.

FEE CALCULATION

1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 25 | 37* = 0 | x 50.00 = \$0.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 4 | 4* = 0 | x 200.00 = \$0.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
| 1202 | 50 | 2202 | 25 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 200 | 2201 | 100 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 360 | 2203 | 180 | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 790 | 2204 | 395 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 300 | 2205 | 150 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$) | | 0.00 |

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see below

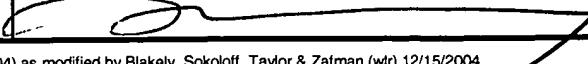
2. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | |
| 2053 | 130 | 2053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1251 | 120 | 2251 | 60 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 450 | 2252 | 225 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 1,020 | 2253 | 510 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,590 | 2254 | 795 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,160 | 2255 | 1,080 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 500 | 2401 | 250 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 500 | 2402 | 250 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 1,000 | 2403 | 500 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 2451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1460 | 130 | 2460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 1809 | 790 | 1809 | 395 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 790 | 2810 | 395 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| Other fee (specify) | | Request for Continued Examination | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | (\$) | | 790.00 | |

SUBMITTED BY

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| Signature |  | | | Date | 06/23/06 |

Based on PTO/SB/17 (12-04) as modified by Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman (wtr) 12/15/2004.
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